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## Dear Colleagues

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The overarching purpose of our committee is to develop an approach to exploring the variety of estimates in the PFOA half life and to propose a possible resolution within the *ARA*'s non-exclusionary and embracing framework. We had our first meeting this week. Notes from this meeting are below. These will also be posted next week on the project's website (https://tera.org/Alliance%20for%20Risk/Projects/pfoahumanhalflife.html).

Notes from First Call: PFOA 1/2 Life Project by Alliance for Risk Assessment

May 26/27 International Zoom-Call: Advisory Committee for the ARA PFOA 1/2 Life Project

Present: Harvey Clewell, Tony Cox, Michael Dourson, Shannon Ethridge, Ali Hamade, Ravi Naidu, and Nitin Verma

Agenda items and notes:

- o Involving other interested groups or scientists: *ARA* projects are an open "sandbox." Any interested scientist/manager is welcome to join. The Advisory Committee should feel free to "cast its net" widely.
- o Procuring additional published papers: Committee members were requested to add relevant papers to the ones on the list available at <a href="https://tera.org/Alliance%20for%20Risk/Projects/PFOAref.html">https://tera.org/Alliance%20for%20Risk/Projects/PFOAref.html</a>. These papers will form the basis of discussions for resolution of the relevant issues.
- o Getting the work done: After a brief discussion, it was proposed to get the work done in the following manner:
- Form several groups of 3 or maybe 4 scientists who would independently review the list of relevant references during the summer and form some initial conclusions;
- Get these groups of scientists together for an initial discussion of conclusions likely in September, with the development of refined and/or consensus conclusions;
- Have an open meeting in October to discussed these refined and/or consensus conclusions where government authorities (and others) are invited to offer additional suggestions;
- Have an open meeting at the Society for Risk Analysis annual meeting in December to go over penultimate consensus conclusions and to receive additional suggestions for improvement;
- Submit findings to a journal for independent peer review and publication, or alternatively, conduct an independent peer review meeting.
- Many, if not all, of these meetings may be doable by zoom or webinar arrangements, so the overall cost above volunteered time may not be significant. Furthermore, zoom meetings might allow more government participation and avoid the hassles of travel reimbursement. However, part of getting this project done might also involve procuring donations. Outside groups, such as the Center for Truth in Science, could be approached for guidance.
- o Good and Welfare: CRC Care will be have a large conference on PFAS chemistries in September of 2022.

Action Items: Advisory Committee members should...

- Send names and contact information for any scientist/manager potentially interested in this project to Michael Dourson to get on the weekly or biweekly email update. Committee members should feel free to forward these weekly or biweekly mails to anyone else that might be interested.
- Think of scientists who might be willing to work in small teams (3 or maybe 4 folks) to review the developing list of papers (current list at <a href="https://tera.org/Alliance%20for%20Risk/Projects/PFOAref.html">https://tera.org/Alliance%20for%20Risk/Projects/PFOAref.html</a>) and send these names to the rest of the team for further discussion.
- o Identify critical issues associated with this project and send them to the rest of the team for further discussion.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee,

Sincerely,

Michael Dourson

## PFOA 1/2 Life Advisory Committee:

- Harvey Clewell, Ramboll
- Tony Cox, Cox and Associates
- Michael Dourson, Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment
- Shannon Ethridge, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
- Ali Hamade, Oregon Health Authority
- Ravi Naidu, Cooperative Research Centre for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (CRC CARE)
- Nitin Verma, Chitkara University
- —Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA), building a risk assessment community